

## LESSON

## 1

## PRACTICE WORKSHEET A

**Predicting**

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**Directions:** Read each section of this story. Then answer each item by making a prediction.

At the county fair last August, Whitey Black met the Johnson brothers. They were up in the country for the first time and begged Whitey, an old-time guide, to take them fishing on the north end of Long River.

Out in the canoe, the city slickers scared away every fish for miles with their loud talk and jerky movements. Even Whitey only hooked two small trout. “This is hardly enough for me,” he thought sourly, as he fried the fish over the campfire that night. “I sure hate to share it three ways.”

Just then an owl shrieked in the darkness. “What’s that?” one of the Johnsons asked fearfully. Suddenly a practical joke took shape in Whitey’s head.

1. What practical joke do you predict Whitey might try to play on the brothers? \_\_\_\_\_

“Shh!” Whitey whispered, trying his best to sound nervous. The owl shrieked again, this time a little louder. “It’s a timber wolf!” Whitey shouted. “Run for those trees.”

Of course, there hadn’t been wolves in the north woods for a century, but the brothers didn’t know that. Seconds later, they were tripping over each other trying to climb up a tall pine tree. Whitey pretended to run off in the other direction, but he didn’t run far.

2. What do you predict Whitey will do now? \_\_\_\_\_

After ten minutes or so, Whitey wiped his mouth and sang out, “It’s all clear, boys. You can come on down.” He was chuckling under his breath.

Wide-eyed, the brothers edged back to the campfire.

“The good news is that the wolf is gone,” Whitey announced. “But, as you can see, there’s some bad news too.”

3. What “bad news” do you predict Whitey will tell the brothers? \_\_\_\_\_